

MILLIONAIRES ARE
GIVING MONEY TO
WHIP BOOTLEGGERS

Vast Sums, New York Anti-Saloon Leaguer Says, Are Spent Yearly to Suppress Liquor Traffic

Cornwall, N. Y., April 3.—Pledges from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and others of financial support of the "Yonkers plan" of enforcing the national prohibition amendment were announced tonight by William H. Anderson, head of the Anti-Saloon league of New York, at the annual state conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Anderson, in the course of an address in which he formally opened the campaign of the Allied Citizens of America to nationalize the method of law enforcement which has given Yonkers wide publicity, declared that in New York alone 200,000 persons are back of the movement to introduce it into other states.

Explaining that the Allied Citizens of America was incorporated two years ago "to uphold American ideals and the United States constitution, and particularly the eighteenth amendment," Mr. Anderson declared that its purpose is to put into operation all over the United States the "successful experiment in practical civility" which, he said, had been made in Yonkers, his home city. In telling of its results there he said:

There have been raids, arrests, seizures of large quantities of liquor, expulsions from the police force for connivance with violators, indictments, convictions, fines and prison sentences. City officials no longer are indifferent or defiant, and there has been created a tangible majority sentiment for law observance. New York pays \$500,000 a year for law enforcement, and the Allied Citizens of Yonkers have merely insisted that its police and civic authorities shall earn their salaries. The situation is far from perfect, but there is motion and in the right direction.

SUPPLEMENTS LEAGUE

"Protestants, Catholics, Jews and those of other religions in Yonkers who reverence order, country, humanity and God, are united in the effort. Under the plan evidence is obtained respecting violation of the prohibition law for the sole purpose of publishing it in order that citizens may know the degree and kind of enforcement they are getting from their public officials in return for their taxes. Every one pays taxes in some form, and they have a right to know what they get for their money."

"We have always refused to turn over any evidence to be used to secure convictions; that is the very essence of the plan. Publicity in the form of the organization's affidavits telling of liquor infractions helps officials who are doing their best and enables the weeding-out of those who wink at violations. Thus, as we have operated in Yonkers, we shall enable the people of any community to exert the same pressure of public opinion to force officials to do their duty."

Mr. Anderson said that the Allied Citizens was designed to supplement the Anti-Saloon league and that there "no initiation fees, dues or assessments." He declared the records of the Anti-Saloon league would show that more than 500,000 persons in the United States are regularly contributing to its activities. Organization of the Allied Citizens, he said, will be started by the league this week in every state. No salaries, he said, are paid to any of its officials.

Quoting from Mr. Rockefeller's pledges, he read:

ROCKEFELLER PLEDGE

"The question of the wisdom and propriety of national prohibition is no longer at issue, having been decided by the adoption of the federal constitutional amendment and sustained by the United States supreme court. It is now the law of the land, predicated upon a constitutional amendment, which is the most solemn form of legislation possible under our form of government."

"To fail in the observance and enforcement of such a law strikes at the very foundations of our government, and is in that way an attack upon civil liberty, for in a republic there can be no freedom for the individual if there is no respect for and enforcement of the laws which have been enacted in the manner prescribed by the people themselves in the constitutions which they have adopted."

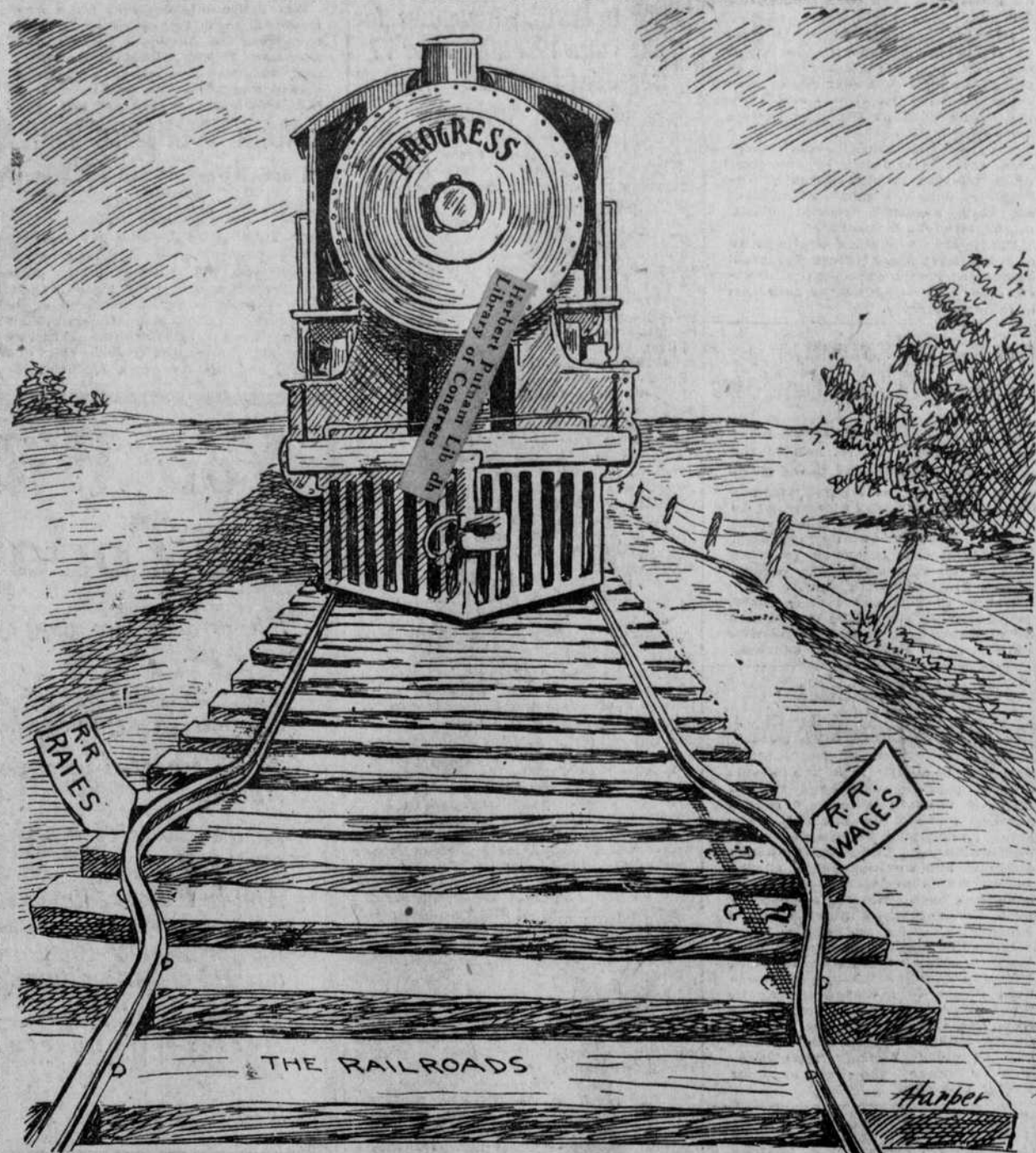
"While the general legislation of nation and state determines the conditions under which enforcement must be carried on, yet in the last analysis enforcement is a local matter and must be worked out in every locality, and the people of each locality must face and assume their responsibility for the creation and maintenance of the public sentiment that will support local officials in enforcement and require them to do their duty."

"The process of public education, which is essential to the enforcement of any law which is singled out for organized attack and efforts at modification will result in a better public comprehension of the importance of upholding the sanctity of law in general. I take occasion to express my feeling of the vital importance of law observance and law enforcement as essential to the permanence of our free institutions."

STEEL CORPORATION CUTS
WAGES TWENTY PER CENT

Gary, Ind., April 3.—A 20 per cent reduction of wages and the eight-hour day will be put into effect by the United States Steel corporation about the middle of this month, according to unofficial reports from local officers of the concern. About 30,000 men are employed in the company's plants when they are running full time, but it is not known just how many men are at work now. In the eight-hour day would mean that 10,000 additional men would be required to run the plants at full speed.

BOTH NEED DRAWING IN A LITTLE

TOWN IS ROCKED
BY SUNDAY BLAST

Carload of Black Powder Explodes Injuring Two, Wrecking Train, Jarring Vicinity

Fredericksburg, Va., April 3.—Two men were injured, at least six freight cars destroyed, and traffic on the R. F. & P. railroad blocked for hours this afternoon about 4 o'clock when a car containing about 4,000 pounds of black powder blew up in the freight yards a little south of this city. The injured are: A. W. Johnson, conductor, and A. R. Brown, brakeman. The blast was terrific and could be heard for 10 or 15 miles around. Glass windows and plastering in homes and stores all over Fredericksburg were damaged. The extent of damage done cannot at this time be estimated, but it is thought that the total will be high. The unexpected explosion had the force of a miniature earthquake and intense excitement was caused in this city and throughout the surrounding country. Hundreds rushed to the scene of the blast.

Several freight cars were splintered by the blast which set three other cars on fire. The Fredericksburg fire department was called out and after a hard fight, prevented the flames from spreading. For a time grave fear was entertained that there might be other cars of explosives on the train but this was dispelled by the authorities of the railroad. Two water tanks in the immediate vicinity were destroyed by the blast, and two cows in a nearby field were killed. An immediate call was sent to Richmond for a wrecking crew and the R. F. & P. authorities expect that southbound traffic can be resumed about 10 o'clock this evening.

Fire Destroys Church

Roxboro, Va., April 3.—An early morning fire of undetermined origin caused damage to the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in which the Baltimore conference is scheduled to begin its annual session on Wednesday.

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LIZARD MAY RULE THIS
EARTH IN MILLION YEARS

Aberdeen, Scotland, April 3.—The world may be ruled by a race of biped reptiles in 1,000,000 years or so, according to J. A. Thompson, professor of natural history in Aberdeen university. The collared lizard of New Zealand, he explained in an address, is already learning to become a biped, and if it masters the secret of man's supremacy, the rest may follow.

ILLITERATES IN
ALABAMA NOW
TOTAL 278,000

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Washington, April 3.—(Special).—

According to the census of 1920 there are 278,082 illiterate persons 10 years of age and over in the state of Alabama, "illiterate" meaning unable to write. Of this number 20,000 are negroes and 67,882 are whites.

In the total population 10 years of age and over the percentage of illiteracy is 16.1, which, it is gratifying to note, shows a diminution since 1910, when it was 22.9. In the case of the negroes the percentage declined from 40.1 to 21.3, and in the case of the native white of native parentage from 10.1 to 6.4.

There is more illiteracy in the rural districts of the state than in the cities, the percentages being 17.3 for the rural population and 10.4 for the urban. For the native white population of native parentage the rural percentage of illiteracy is 7.7, while the urban is 2.0. In the case of the negro population the percentage is 34.0 in the rural population as against 22.7 in the urban.

By counties the percentage of illiteracy ranges all the way from 35.1 in Greene county to 6.1 in Cullman county.

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SCOTT SUGGESTED
FOR MEXICAN POST

Texans Start Movement to Land Ambassador's Job for General—Ampley Equipped

Washington, April 3.—The name of Maj. Gen. Hugh A. Scott, retired, former chief of staff, has been presented to President Harding for appointment as American ambassador to Mexico should the American government decide to recognize the government of President Obregon.

Friends of General Scott in Texas, it was learned today, started the movement in his behalf. Some of the support given the movement, it was said, has come from influential Texans who until recently were convinced that the Mexico City post had been promised to R. B. Creager of Brownsville, who was President Harding's host while the latter was on his Texas fishing trip last fall.

These Texans are said to have received reports that Mr. Creager would be disinclined to give up his private business interests to accept a diplomatic appointment.

Points made in behalf of General Scott by his supporters are that he speaks Spanish, understands the Mexican psychology, has the confidence of leaders on both sides of the border, and has been trained in dealing with Latin-Americans by four years' service as chief of staff in Cuba.

General Scott since his retirement has been living in Princeton, N. J.

Three Quarts Captured

Anniston, April 3.—(Special).—Officers Sam Smith and Holliday Saturday night captured three quarts of corn whiskey in a buggy at the city wagon yard. The owner of the buggy made no escape, the male and buggy was turned over to the sheriff.

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Fort Payne bank "coming back" with more capital.

Two mine union presidents in jail for killing John Bivins.

Chief Lyons talks of crime wave and its causes.

Evans to stand A. B. & A. strike conference at Atlanta.

Many industrial plants of district resuming operation.

Junior Chamber to give dinner for Alabama guardsmen.

COUNSEL PREPARE
FOR OPENING OF
WILLIAMS TRIAL

Owner of Georgia Murder Farm Faces Court, Charged With Eleven Killings, Tuesday. Troops Unnecessary

Covington, Ga., April 3.—With the trial of John S. Williams, prominent Jasper county farmer, charged with murder in connection with the killing of 11 negroes in the vicinity of his farm, 20 miles from here, set for Tuesday morning, officials and attorneys for both the state and defense spent a busy day examining witnesses and making investigations here today, while Judge John B. Hutcheson at his Jonesboro home announced no troops will be requested to guard the courthouse.

In making the announcement that he had decided not to ask Governor Hugh M. Dorsey to send troops to Covington for the trial, Judge Hutcheson declared that he had the greatest confidence in the law-abiding people of both Newton and Jasper counties, to see that nothing improper occurred during the hearing. He added that the general public sentiment demanded justice, and that, in his opinion, nothing would happen to interfere with Williams receiving a fair trial.

LAW WILL PREVAIL

"While I have been considering suggestions from important state officials to call troops here next week, I feel that such action is unnecessary. The better class of people of both Newton and Jasper counties are law-abiding and desire that the defendants in the murder cases be given a fair and impartial trial," he said.

Greene F. Johnson, leading counsel for Williams, was in Covington throughout the day conferring with witnesses for the defense. During the day he visited the Williams farm and made a tour of the sections of Jasper and Newton counties where the 11 negro bodies were discovered after Clyde Manning, an employee of Williams, had confessed and pointed out the graves to officials.

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

In his confession, Manning declared that he and other negroes killed some of the blacks at Williams' instructions, while the white farmers assisted in the murder of others. Both Williams and Manning are held in the Fulton county jail in Atlanta with other material witnesses. The defendants and witnesses will be brought here early Tuesday morning by Sheriff B. L. Johnson, who will be accompanied by a number of deputies.

Solicitor Brand, who will direct the prosecution of Williams, stated tonight he would hold an important conference with W. M. Howard, former congressman and prominent Augusta attorney, who has been engaged to assist the solicitor, and Assistant Attorney General Graham. Williams and Manning are to be held in Atlanta, he stated, and all three will return to Covington early in the afternoon.

MEXICAN FOLLOWING
CIVILIZED RULES

Obregon Cites Twelve Reasons Why Latin Republic Is Entitled to Recognition

Mexico City, April 3.—Twelve examples of Mexico's effort to "obtain legitimate prestige among the other nations of the world" were enumerated by President Obregon today in a formal statement given to foreign correspondents.

The President began his statement by declaring that the present regime in Mexico "is following a line of conduct in absolute accord with the precepts of morals and of law, and has initiated this policy with a series of acts which have taken place within the past few months and which will not be interrupted until its noble purposes have been fulfilled."

One of the examples of the policy of the present administration cited by President Obregon was the calling of an extraordinary session of Congress, "during which the principle reforms of a legal character will be discussed and promulgated, among these being the regulation of Article XXVII of the constitution in so far as it refers to oil and which regulations doubtless will be based on a broad spirit of equity, in which endeavor will be made not to make it a retroactive interpretation."

Regarding Mexico's foreign debt, the President's statement said:

"An invitation has been extended to all holders of our exterior debts asking them to appoint their representatives and enter into arrangements with the government concerning all its debts, upon the basis that this government will not use any subterfuge or evasions, but, on the contrary, will base its settlement upon an ample spirit of equity, such as has served heretofore as the standard for all its acts, until they be completely satisfied."

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Al G. Field Is Dead;
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Columbus, Ohio, April 3.—Alfred Griffin, "Al G. Field," premier of American minstrel, died at his home here today, his death resulting from Bright's disease. He was born 72 years ago in Leesburg, Va.

Mr. Field was educated in the common schools at Brownsville and Pittsburg, Pa., later becoming interested in banking and farming and, in 1880, entered the theatrical business, organizing a minstrel show which has operated continuously since that time.

Mr. Field was a former high national officer of the Edna and widely known in Masonic circles. The funeral will be held here Tuesday afternoon.

RAILMEN, LEADING
175,000 EMPLOYEES,
MOVE FOR CONCERT

Assistance Is Pledged Maintenance of Way Union In Effort to Resist Lower Wage Scale

New York, April 3.—Representatives of 175,000 organized railroad employees in special convention here today called upon the executive heads of the recognized national and international railroad unions to sanction the formation of district "offensive and defensive" alliances—railroad district councils—in the New York district and at other "strategic points in the railroad industry."

These district organizations are necessary, it was stated in a letter sent to the executive union officials, to enable the railroad employees "to better resist the concentrated attacks of the Railway Executive association and to bring about a closer affiliation of all railroad employees and perfect a 100 per cent organization in all crafts by stimulating interest in their own welfare and educating them in the value of solidarity."

Delegates to the convention, who represented all local railroad unions in the Greater New York district, urged that "a state of status quo should be declared by the American Federation of Labor so as to clear the way and make it possible for what are now commonly known as the transportation brotherhoods to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor."

HELP IS PLEDGED

Through this action, it was stated, the preambles and resolutions that gave birth to industrial autonomy by the formation of the general departments within the federation would be preserved.

More than 250 representatives of local unions in the New York district attended the convention, which was called by district officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

The delegates affirmed their confidence in their international and national organizations and pledged to them "our all in their entire efforts to secure and maintain for the railroad employees the working conditions and the standard of living that they are so justly entitled to."

"We further believe that it would be to the best interest of all concerned," added the statement, "that the present existing pact between the 16 recognized railroad unions be reaffirmed and continued indefinitely. And that the principle of craft amalgamation and industrial autonomy be not only recognized as a principle but to be heralded by the railroad workers as an accomplished fact."

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As soon as word has been received from national and international union executive officials, Anthony Spair, president of the New York district council of maintenance of way and railroad shop laborers' locals, was authorized to call another special convention of final action on the proposal.

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TAX REPEAL SOUGHT

Tax League of America Holds New York Conference

New York, April 3.—Repeal of a sales tax at 1 per cent of all goods, wares and commodities, for a period of three years, was unanimously recommended at a tax conference just concluded here, Henry J. Burton of Minneapolis, president of the Tax League of America, announced tonight. Repeal of the 1 per cent sales tax reduction of the air taxes in the higher brackets and temporary legislation to cover the present emergency need of funds also were favored.

Endowments Taboo

Indianapolis, April 3.—Posts and departments of the American Legion are warned by the national committee on memorials against the endorsement of memorial projects fostered by commercial interests. A resolution made public today asks that requests for endorsement of memorial projects be referred to the national headquarters.

Serbia Is Willing

Belgrade, April 2.—Count Miceha Karalyi, the leader of the Hungarian independent party, who was recently expelled from Italy, has been given permission by the government to reside in Serbia. He is expected to take up his residence at Dubrovnik.

TAKE 250-FOOT PLUNGE
LAND IN POLICE COURT

Bristol, Va., April 3.—After plunging in an automobile 250 feet down a precipice at Dag hill, near Gate City, Va., and escaping with only minor scratches, the members of a party of young persons were fined in the Gate City police court on charges of disorderly conduct. The automobile was demolished.